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ORONOGO FLOWER GARDENS

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Prices are for 100 of a variety, and include packing and delivery to transportation company here. 25 of a variety at 100 rate, provided order totals 100 or more. If the order totals 500 or more plants, a discount of 10 per cent will apply. TERMS: Cash before shipment, or satisfactory references at time of placing order.

Items from the retail list ordered with items from this list will be subject to a discount of 10 per cent on account of transportation costs. Also they may be utilized in estimating the total count of the order.

The figures preceding the names of the varieties are the ratings given by The American Peony Society.

EARLY VARIETIES

9.3 FESTIVA MAXIMA. Massive pure white, with splashings of crimson. \$20.00.

Please take notice that, if your order will total 500 plants or more, this price automatically reduces to \$18.00, and all other prices in the same proportion.

8.5 OCTAVIE DEMAY. Beautiful pale pink. Very early \$48.00.

~~8.8 M. M. CAHUZAC. The darkest of all peonies, and the finest of all dark peonies. Deep garnet-red. \$150.00.~~

8.5 GERMAINE BIGOT. An enormous flower of fresh light pink, plant strong, and well able to carry the heavy bloom. \$40.00.

6.4 LUTEA PLENISSIMA. Similar to Duchesse de Nemours, a little more yellowish when opening, with a little more green in the center. \$20.00.

7.9 MME. DE VERNEVILLE. Rosy or creamy white changing to pure white, with splashings of crimson on edges of petals. \$20.00.

HOLLIS DARK SINGLE. Single, very dark red, with center cushion of yellow stamens. The earliest variety in this list. \$36.00.

8.4 ALBIFLORA, THE BRIDE. Single, pure white. Flowers as large as dinner plates. \$36.00.

EARLY MID-SEASON VARIETIES

7.1 ALEXANDRIANA. An enormous flower, violet-rose. Very tall heavy stem \$24.00.

6.9 BLANCHE CIRE. Similar to Lutea Plenissima and Duchesse de Nemours. \$20.00.

8.1 DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS. One of the loveliest of all white peonies. Opens pale sulphur-yellow. \$20.00.

8.6 MME. AUGUSTE DESSERT. Fresh light pink, with crimson flecks on center petals. \$40.00.

6.5 MEISSONIER. Brilliant crimson. \$36.00.

7.3 JENNY LIND. Very similar to Lady Leonora (Dr. Bretonneau, Verd.). Pink, a good cut-flower variety. \$24.00.

7.6 VIRGINIE. Light pink, shaded straw color. \$32.00.

QUEEN VICTORIA. The most common white, and thoroughly dependable. \$16.00.

LATE MID-SEASON VARIETIES

7.8 DUKE OF WELLINGTON. A superb milk-white variety. \$20.00.

7.2 IRMA. Large heavy flower of rich pink. \$32.00.

7.9 MME. CROUSSE. Superbly beautiful pure white. \$24.00.

7.9 ~~GOIRE~~ DE CH. GOMBAULT. Pink and amber. A perfect commercial flower. \$48.00.

7.8 QUEEN EMMA. Rich brilliant pink. A first-class commercial flower. \$54.00.

6.9 LOUIS VAN HOUTTE. Brilliant red. \$28.00.

8.4 FELIX CROUSSE. Brilliant red, and one of the finest of all red peonies. \$40.00.

LA REINE. 7.2 Alice de Julvecourt, probably. Lilac-white, shaded pink and cream. \$28.00.

7.5 LA TULIPE. Pale hydrangea-pink. Very tall. \$24.00.

SINGLE TALL RED. A profuse-blooming light red variety, fine for landscape effect or to cut for decorating. For both purposes the single varieties have decided advantages over the heavy-weight doubles. \$16.00.

MISCELLANEOUS SINGLES. For landscape or garden effect. Though listed here, most of them are early. Colors run from light pink to red. \$16.00.

LATE VARIETIES

8.1 **COURONNE D'OR.** Enormous broad flower of pure waxy white, splashed with red on edge of center petals, very tall, strong stem. \$20.00.

7.6 **DELICATISSIMA.** Lilac-rose. Always blooms, and profusely. \$20.00.

8.3 **EUGENE VERDIER.** Enormous flower on massive stem, daintiest baby-pink and cream. \$40.00.

8.0 **FESTIVA.** Similar to Festiva Maxima, but a dwarf grower, color of flower a little more solid. \$16.00.

7.8 **MODELE DE PERFECTION.** Dwarf but sturdy grower with large flower, color a rich pink. \$32.00.

8.3 **MONS. DUPONT.** Large broad flower; pure white with crimson splashes on edges of center petals. Resembles Couronne d'Or. A valuable commercial variety here \$24.00.

8.7 **CLAIRE DUBOIS.** Violet-rose. A superb flower and thoroughly reliable. \$60.00.

8.5 **MME. EMILE GALLE.** Exquisitely dainty white with opalescent tints. \$36.00.

7.5 **CONSTANT DEVRED.** Dark rose-carmine, the most vivid color in my planting. \$60.00.

8.1 **LIVINGSTONE.** Pale lilac-rose with carmine flecks. A massive flower. \$44.00.

8.8 **KARL ROSENFELD.** A gorgeous red, and a superb variety. \$100.00.

7.5 **MARECHAL VAILLANT.** Lee's Grandiflora Rubra. Dark mauve-pink, massive. Another vivid color. \$28.00.

MME. FOULD. Tall and strong. Blush white. Very late. A superb flower, but sometimes fails to open. \$32.00.

To serve as a commercial variety a peony must have good color, a fairly good stem, must open easily, must stand as a cut flower without wilting, must last several days after cutting, and must come out of cold storage without falling to pieces. A variety deficient in some of these points may still be admirable for the home market, for home use, or for garden or landscape effect. Of this list, besides those already noted, the following are good commercial varieties: Festiva Maxima, Octavie Demay, Lutea Plenissima, Mme. de Verneville, Blanche Cire, Duchesse de Nemours, Meissonier, Virginie, Queen Victoria, Duke of Wellington, Mme. Crousse, Felix Crousse, La Reine, Delicatissima, Modele de Perfection, Claire Dubois.

For cut flowers it is desirable to have a succession, the first flowers of the season bringing a little extra demand. The heaviest sales are for Decoration Day and for graduation exercises, and a large share of the planting should be selected to give blooms for these occasions. As the seasons vary, it is necessary to have also varieties that come earlier, but any good commercial bloom can be held a week or ten days in a good ice box. Here, in southwestern Missouri, all but the very latest varieties are too early, and require storage to have them for Decoration Day. At Peoria, Illinois, in 1922, all but the late varieties were in bloom, but some years only the early varieties are in time. Here the length of time between the early and the late varieties is only about two weeks.

When the blooms are wanted for cut flowers, all side-buds should be pinched out when small, and all blooms should be cut before fully open. When the blooms are to be shipped or stored, the buds should be cut when only well started to open.

Peonies should be kept well cultivated, and free of grass and weeds. Outside of that they require but little care or attention, a clump costing about as much per year to grow as a hill of potatoes; and a very large value, both of investment and of income, can be planted and managed in a comparatively small space. Unless the yards of your town are already well supplied with peonies, a planting of good varieties is sure to create an energetic demand both for cut flowers and for plants.

IRISES

Prices net f. o. b. here, not subject to discount unless iris order is in addition to order for 500 or more peonies. These will be furnished partly in clumps, but the count will be of individual growing tips.

OCHROLEUCA. *Orientalis Gigantea*. White with orange blotch. This is one of the most superb of all hardy irises. Apogon type.

SPURIA, MRS. A. W. TAIT. *Longipetala Superba*. Similar to the preceding, but dainty lavender shading to pink. Price, either or both, \$8.00 per 100.

SIBIRICA, BLUE KING. \$1.00 per 100.

SIBIRICA, DARK BLUE. *Sanguinea* (?). \$1.00 per 100.

SIBIRICA, SNOW QUEEN. \$1.50 per 100.

GERMAN, GERTRUDE. Blue. \$3.00 per 100.

GERMAN, CIENGIALTI. Blue. Stately, like *Pallida Dalmatica*, but smaller, darker, of exquisite fragrance, a remarkably healthy grower, and a solid mass of color when in bloom. \$3.00 per 100.

HEMEROCALLISES

Terms same as under irises.

GOLD DUST. Early. Rich orange yellow, richly fragrant. \$3.00 per 100.

~~**FLAVA.** The well-known lemon-lily. \$3.00 per 100.~~

~~**THUNDERBACH.** The latest, tallest, stately, and daintiest. Light citron yellow. \$4.00 per 100.~~